GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Infrastructure & Investment Department – Construction of Greenfield Port at Mulapeta (formerly Bhavanapadu), Srikakulam District - Grant of 1st Extension of Time (EoT) under Clause 25.9 of EPC Agreement–Accorded-Orders-Issued.

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INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT (PORTS) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 94 Dated: 03-12-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.8, I&I (Ports.1) Dept, dt.17.08.2021
2. Letter received from the Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board, Lr.No.SE/PP2/3278/2011, Dt:24.11.2025
3. Tender Evaluation & EPC Committee meeting held on 05.11.2025
4. From M/s Vishwa Samudra, Lr.No.VSP-HO/1189/APMB/2025-26/521, dated:13.11.2025
5. P.S 59 of The AP Standard Specifications

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ORDER :

In the reference 1st read above, Government have accorded Administrative sanction for development of Mulapeta (formerely Bhavanapadu) Port for Phase-I works with a total project cost of Rs.4361.91 Cr. under landlord model by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

2) The Chief Executive Officer, APMB in the reference 2nd read above has submitted that the Project was awarded to M/s Vishwa Samudra Ports (JV), Hyderabad on EPC basis vide Agreement No.07/2022-23, dated 02.08.2022, for a contract value of Rs.2,949.70 Crores with a completion period of 30 months from the commencement date of 18.04.2023, stipulating the scheduled completion date as 17.10.2025. The project involves major components such as Breakwaters, Dredging and Reclamation, Berthing Structures, Onshore Infrastructure, Buildings, External Roads, Rail Connectivity, Water Supply and Power Supply. The Bulk Material Handling System originally included in the scope had been subsequently descoped. As

on 17.10.2025, the physical progress achieved was 60.49% and the financial progress was 56.28%.

3) He has further stated that M/s TCE Ltd., vide their report TCE-APMB-11971A-CV-288, dated:03.11.2025, after a comprehensive assessment of delay events, had observed that the progress of various project components was significantly affected by factors beyond the control of the EPC Contractor. The major causes included adverse weather and cyclone events, Government - imposed restrictions on the supply of minor minerals, site access restrictions due to R&R issues, and delays in handing over encumbrance-free land for external infrastructure. Considering these delays and overlaps among concurrent events, the PMC had recommended that Extension of Time (EoT) be reasonably granted upto 30.11.2026.

4) He has further stated that the proposal had been placed before the Tender Evaluation & EPC Committee during the meeting held on 05.11.2025 and the Committee have recommended that an Extension of Time (EoT) for the Project period be granted by 409 days i.e. 30th November 2026 from 17th October 2025 without any liquidity damages. Further, the EPC Contractor shall furnish an undertaking stating that they shall not claim any extra cost due to the EoT as granted to the Project period.

5) Accordingly, M/s Viswa Samudra Ports (JV), Hyderabad, in the reference 4th read above, had furnished the undertaking on Rs.100/- Non-Judicial Stamp Paper, stating that not to claim additional costs due to the EOT without prejudice to the rights and entitlements under the Contract Agreement"

6) Clause No.59 of Preliminary Specifications to Andhra Pradesh Standard Specifications stipulates that reasonable extension of time will be allowed by the Executive Engineer or by the officer competent to sanction the extension for unavoidable delays, such as may result from causes, which, in the opinion of the Executive Engineer, are undoubtedly beyond the control of the contractor.

7) Hence, the Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board, has requested to accord approval for Extension of Time (EoT) up to 30.11.2026 (409 days) under Clause 25.9 of EPC Agreement for the project period for completion of the balance works of the Mulapeta Port Project, without levy of liquidated damages under Clause 25.9 of EPC Agreement.

8) Government after careful examination of the recommendations of the Tender Evaluation & EPC Committee, hereby accord approval for Extension of Time (EoT) up to 30.11.2026 (409 days) under Clause 25.9 of EPC Agreement for the project period for completion of the balance works of the Construction of Greenfield Port at Mulapeta Port Project, without levy of liquidated damages.

9) The Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Executive Officer, AP Maritime Board.
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